Stardust & Soliloquies

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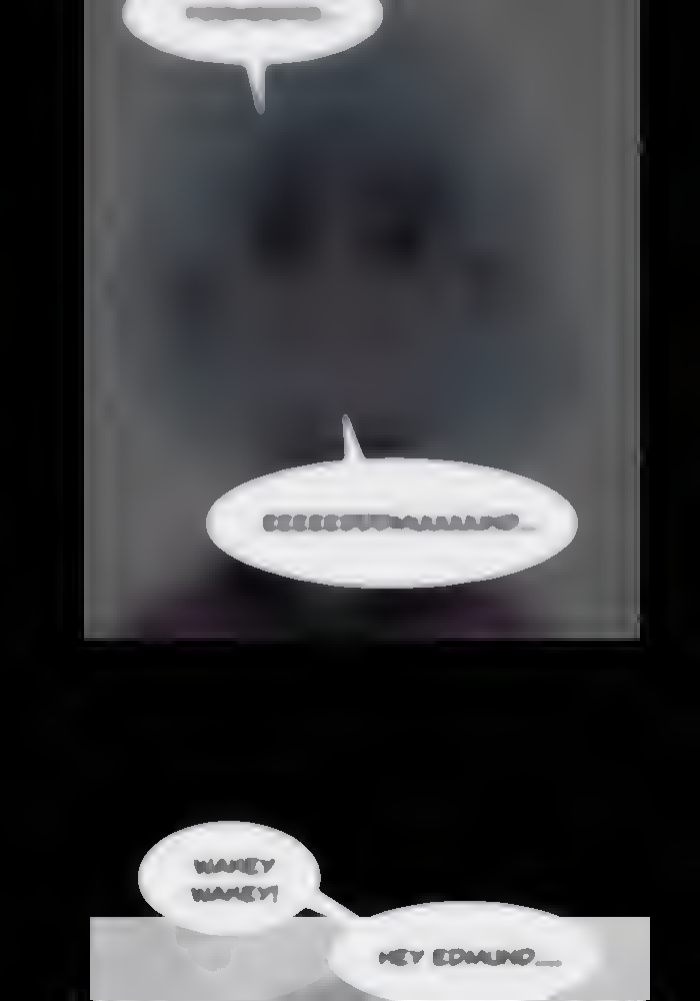
CHAPTER 6


WAKEY
WAKEY!
HEY EDMUND....

YOU COMIN' AROUND?

BOY, YOU SLEPT LIKE THE DEAD.

I'VE PEEKED INTO ALOT OF DREAMS IN MY TIME.
SEEN ALOT OF MESSED UP STUFF.
NOT SURE I'VE SEEN A HEAD AS SCREWED UP AS

YOURS THOUGH. NO WONDER OSCAR LIKES YOU.
HM?

WHAT THE HELL? WHO THE HELL ARE YOU???
ARE YOU...
AM I FINALLY DEAD? ARE YOU ONE OF THE VOICES I'VE BEEN HEARING FOR SO LONG?

AHAHAHA!
I LIKE YOU, OLD MAN. YOU'RE FUN TO HAVE AROUND!

TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, NO I'M NOT ONE OF THE SAILORS ON THE BOAT YOU LET SINK.
I MEAN, LOOK AT ME. WHY WOULD A LADY LIKE ME BE ON A FISHING BOAT?

OSCAR MUST BE THE BRAINS IN YOUR LITTLE DUO.
WAITAMINNIT! YOU KNOW OSCAR? WHERE IS HE???
YA I KNOW THE JERK.
WELL.. KNEW, ANYWAYS. HE'S DEAD NOW, ABE THREW HIM OFF THE CASSIOPEIA WHEN HE WENT ALL "SQUIDY".

HE DID WHAT???

WHERE IS THE LITTLE PIPSQUEAK???

ABE! GET YOUR
#$S! OUT HERE!

GONNA RIP YOUR HEAD A NEW PORTHOLE!

... AND TO THINK I WASN'T GONNA TO LET THEM ON THE ISLAND...

THERE YOU ARE!!!!

HM?

YOU'VE GOT ALOT TO ANSWER FOR YOU PIECE OF $H!#!!!

OOF!

AGH! MY HAND!!!

AH, MISTER CRANE,

AH, MISTER CHANE. FEELING BETTER ALREADY I SEE.

I ASSUME YOU'RE FEELING A LITTLE SORE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO OSCAR?

A LITTLE SORE???
WHY YOU SMUG *#$@$%%, YOU JUST LEFT HIM OUT THERE TO DIE!
I THOUGHT YOU GUYS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE PALS! HOW COULD YOU DO THAT TO HIM?
YOU'RE NO MAN OF THE SEA!

YOU ARE CORRECT.
I AM NOT A MAN. IT WAS FOOLISH OF YOU TO REGARD ME AS MUNDANE A CREATURE AS YOU ARE, EDMUND CRANE.
OUR SACRED TASK IS TO PRESERVE THE OCEANS, ITS CHILDREN, AND THEIR MEMORIES. OSCAR WAS FAR TOO DANGEROUS TO BRING HERE.

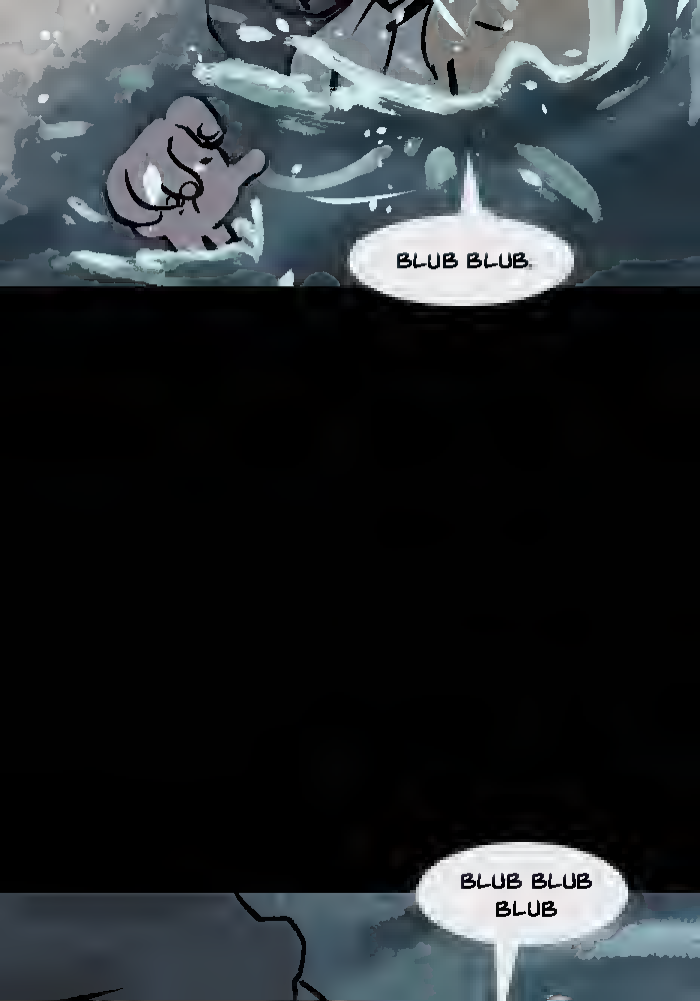
IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION, THE MAN THAT WAS OSCAR ZAHN MOST LIKELY DIED THE MOMENT HE BECAME HOST TO THE ECTOPUS.
PUTTING AN END TO HIS TRAGIC STORY WAS PROBABLY AN ACT OF MERCY.

WHY YOU...
YOU REALLY KNOW THE RIGHT BUTTONS TO PUSH, DON'T YOU?

RAAAGGH!!!
CALM DOWN, MISTER CRANE. I WOULD NEVER DO YOU HARM.

I WARNED YOU.

CALM DOWN, MISTER CRANE.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CALM DOWN
PLEASE.

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TO BE CONTINUED...

AUTHOR'S NOTE:

HEY GUYS, THIS WEEK'S EPISODE REALLY CAME DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE. APOLOGIES IF THERE ARE SOME GRAMMATICAL ERRORS OR IF SOMEBODY HAS AN EXTRA FINGER OR SOMETHING. THE OSCAR ZAHN EDITORIAL TEAM IS FAST ASLEEP AS I WRITE THIS, SO ALL ERRORS ARE ON ME!

A FEW QUICK THINGS:

FELLOW COMIC ARTIST/WRITER AND OSCAR ZAHN EDITOR, CHRISTINE DAO IS RELEASING EPISODE 100 OF BROKE NINJAS THIS WEEK SO PLEASE CHECK IT OUT, ITS GREAT!

I'LL BE AT TCAF (TORONTO COMIC ARTS FESTIVAL) THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON WITH THE REST OF THE RAID STUDIO. WE'LL BE GIVING AWAY FREE COPIES OF AN EARLY PREVIEW OF THE ANTHOLOGY WE ARE WORKING ON FOR THIS SUMMER. THE PREVIEW DOESN'T HAVE AN OSCAR ZAHN STORY BUT IT DOES HAVE AN OSCAR ZAHN COVER DRAWN BY YOURS TRULY SO PLEASE COME BY TO SAY HI AND PICK UP A FREE COMIC!

ALSO A BIG THANKS TO NEW PATREON PLEDGER LEIF B.!

OK THATS IT FOR THIS WEEK GUYS, LATES!

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